

TEXAS IN TYPE

TEXAS CROPS AND WEATHER.

Late crops of wheat, oats, corn, potatoes and other crops have been planted and a larger acreage than usual for cotton is prepared in the country.

The Iowa Park Texan has the following account of the crop outlook: From every reliable source of information and careful observation we find that the wheat crop has never been so good in the history of this country. Given enough soil and a little more rain, the wheat crop would be a record. The conditions have been doubly favorable to the crop, especially to oats sown on old lands and so soon as the ground is sufficiently moist to admit of sowing, the farmer has been able to plant. The wheat crop is now an assured success and estimates of the yield at not less than twenty-five bushels to the acre.

On April 7—Farmers are in good luck and are planting their crops. Fruit trees are in blossom and the weather is just what is needed. The weather is just what is needed. The weather is just what is needed.

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On April 11—Spring is here at last and our farmers are making good time planting and ploughing. Some crops have been injured a little by frost, but generally they are booming.

On April 12—The prospect for fruit of all kinds in the fruit belt on Red River is the finest we have had for many years.

On April 13—The recent cold weather has injured the corn crop considerably, but very little corn has been killed, and the weather is being planted very rapidly. Our farmers are well up with their work and people are hopeful of a bountiful harvest.

On April 14—Wheat throughout Hall county is fine.

On April 15—The farming interest has been excited by the prospect of the past two weeks. The weather is dry and high winds prevailing, though it was quite cold till a few days since. Wheat and oats are very promising at this time. Corn is fairly coming up on account of several days of rain, and fears are entertained of poor stands. The acreage is large in small grain and corn. There was quite a severe wind storm here about 12 o'clock last night, but this morning dawned bright and sunny and investigation revealed no damage.

On April 16—The fruit crop has been damaged but little if any by the late freeze. All other crops look fine, especially wheat.

On April 17—The fruit crop will be bountiful. Wheat fine, though not so much in cultivation as last year. Oats have suffered from cold weather, but are coming up well with their work. If we have no frost this spring this county will be a good crop of fruit for many years.

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and a two-story hotel under construction, and is soon to have a bank. Postoffice now established.

TEXAN PRODUCTS.

Texas is the greatest pecan country in the world. Here the nut grows larger and attains a sweeter flavor than in any other region. The trees are indigenous, growing to an enormous size along the streams and in the more fertile portion of the prairie. This year the nut will bring into the state not less than \$250,000, yet only a small percent of the entire crop will be marketed.

Millions of bushels are produced in the state annually but by far the largest portions are consumed by hogs or other animals, or not under the trees on which they grow. Ship loads of nut harvests at New Orleans unassorted, crude and rusty, fresh from the trees as they grow, to be floated to German, English, French, Spanish and Italian ports. The shrewd foreigner buys these at an average of \$2 per bushel. They sort and polish them by machinery, sell the choice sizes at 40 and 50 cents per pound, and the smaller sizes at 20 and 30 cents. No Texas nut is complete without a pecan grove. It will require from eight to ten years for the trees to amply suffice for the trouble and delay.

In this part of Texas the mulberry and orange grove grow in abundance. If the silk industry received proper attention here it would soon become a source of great profit, and help to make this country independent of foreign countries for a large part of the raw silk consumed. The women have taken great interest in the matter, because silk culture is a work which women can do better than men. They have another road to independence by beautiful, pleasant and remunerative work. A Ladies' silk culture association in San Antonio would accomplish much good, and they would be as much benefited by the appropriations as similar societies in other states. During the year 1899 the report of the secretary of agriculture shows that sixty-four lots of silk worms were distributed in Texas, but the result is not stated.

Mr. A. S. Swinden of Brownwood who has 400 acres in a pecan orchard said: "There is no sure way of making a fortune than to plant a pecan orchard. It takes three years to get a crop, and then it produces a bushel of nuts, and these are worth from \$2 to \$4 per bushel, and when the trees are full grown, say from twelve to fifteen years old, it will bear about four or five bushels of nuts. I think when my trees are eight years old my first crop of pecans will not be less than 11,000 bushels, and the cost of growing will not exceed 10 cents per bushel. In the meantime while waiting for trees to mature, the land is not idle. I have a part of it in cotton and a part in alfalfa."

The P. C. C. Hardware is pre-eminently the home of the peach. The trees are planted with thirty cents per acre, and yield an annual crop of great commercial value. Many families make more in this way than in any other. The trees are full grown, say from twelve to fifteen years old, it will bear about four or five bushels of nuts. I think when my trees are eight years old my first crop of pecans will not be less than 11,000 bushels, and the cost of growing will not exceed 10 cents per bushel. In the meantime while waiting for trees to mature, the land is not idle. I have a part of it in cotton and a part in alfalfa."

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Mr. G. S. Frazer and Miss O. L. McDonald, Denison, April 9.

Mr. George Gregory and Mrs. Mary Sellers, near San Marcos, April 6.

Mr. Joseph Jefferson and Miss Lizzie Chappell, Caldwell, April 8.

Mr. F. M. Branson and Mrs. M. E. Broadstreet, Cleburne, April 1.

Mr. J. D. Kins and Miss Annie Cox, Cleburne, April 2.

Mr. J. E. Cartwright and Miss Nora Simpson, Elbert, April 3.

Mr. Wm. Douglass and Miss Amanda Huckaby, Van Alstyne, April 8.

Mr. John Ciphers and Miss Kennedy, Van Alstyne, April 9.

Mr. E. K. Taylor and Miss Sallie Kelley, near Van Alstyne, April 8.

Miss Lula Knittle, Burton, April 6.

Mr. Robert E. Sherrard, Galveston, April 3.

Mr. J. W. Hays, Waxahatchie, April 2.

Miss Mollie E. Moore, Weimar, March 30.

Miss Mable C. Wilson, Marshall, April 8.

Mr. L. J. Graham, Henderson, April 3.

Mr. J. P. Barnett, Hallettsville, April 4.

Mr. T. L. Chapman, near Williamsburg, March 31.

Mr. J. P. Rice, Stockdale, March 29.

Mr. Mary Smith, Newadobach, April 2.

Mr. Landon C. Wood, Liberty, March 31.

Miss Mable Clara Wilson, Marshall, April 3.

Mr. Harry Utry, Bryan, April 6.

Mr. John Platt, Waxahatchie, April 8.